

GRANULOMA INGUINALE

I. IDENTIFICATION

- A. **CLINICAL DESCRIPTION:** A slowly progressive ulcerative disease of the skin and lymphatics of the genital and perianal area caused by infection with *Calymmatobacterium granulomatis*. A clinically compatible case would have one or more painless or minimally painful granulomatous lesions in the anogenital area.
- B. **REPORTING CRITERIA:** Clinical diagnosis initially; laboratory confirmation required to meet case definition.
- C. **LABORATORY CRITERIA FOR CONFIRMATION:**
- Demonstration of intact cytoplasmic Donovan bodies in Wright or Giemsa - stained smears or biopsies or granulation tissue.
- D. **KENTUCKY CASE DEFINITION:** A case that is laboratory confirmed.

II. ACTIONS REQUIRED / PREVENTION MEASURES

- A. **KENTUCKY DISEASE SURVEILLANCE REQUIRES ROUTINE REPORTING:**
REPORT TO THE LOCAL OR STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT within 5 business days of the identification of a case or suspected case. Public health intervention is available on request of the reporting physician.
- B. **EPIDEMIOLOGY REPORTS REQUESTED:**
- Kentucky Reportable Disease Form – EPID 200 (Rev. Jan/03).
 - **Note:** Section labeled “Additional Information for Sexually Transmitted Diseases Only” must be completed.
- C. **PUBLIC HEALTH INTERVENTIONS**
- Patients should be counseled on methods to reduce their risk for STDS, including HIV.
 - Testing for syphilis, gonorrhea, *Chlamydia*, and HIV should be offered and encouraged.

III. CONTACTS FOR CONSULTATION

- A. **KENTUCKY SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE CONTROL PROGRAM:**
502-564-4804.
- B. **KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT FOR PUBLIC HEALTH, COMMUNICABLE DISEASE BRANCH:** 502-564-3261.

- B. KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT FOR PUBLIC HEALTH, DIVISION OF LABORATORY SERVICES: 502-564-4446.

IV. RELATED REFERENCES

1. Chin, James, ed. Granuloma Inguinale. In: Control of Communicable Diseases Manual. 17th ed. Washington, DC: American Public Health Association, 2000: 229-230.
2. 1998 Guidelines for the Treatment of Sexually Transmitted Diseases, MMWR Vol. 47 (RR-1).
3. Sexually Transmitted Diseases Clinical Practice Guidelines, 1991, CDC.